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May 28, 1913, Temperature a.m. 78, p.m. 85; Humidity...91, 71.

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THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1913.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

PLAIN SPEAKING.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 28.

Sir Edward Grey received the Balkan delegates separately on Tuesday morning and informed them that there was no further room for discussion, and that the Peace Treaty should be signed forthwith as it stood. Whether all the belligerents were prepared to sign or not, this was the decision of the Ambassadors.

Dr. Daneff (Bulgaria) expressed his willingness to sign the Treaty forthwith.

Time Wanted.

The Greek delegates said they must communicate with their Government again for instructions.

Sir Edward Grey used equally emphatic language to the Serbian delegate, who replied that in view of this unexpected attitude of the Powers he must ask his Government for further instructions.

Turkey Willing.

The Turkish delegate also saw Sir Edward Grey, and informed him that he had been ready to sign the Peace terms from the first day he landed in England.

It is understood that Sir Edward Grey plainly intimated to the delegates that it appeared to be useless for those unprepared to sign the Treaty to remain in England.

Delegates Surprised.

The unexpected firmness of Sir Edward Grey's language has surprised the peace delegates, and has created a sensation. The public are thus made aware of the gravity of the new situation in the Balkans.

The newspapers are unanimous in condemning the attitude of Serbia and Greece, and trust that they will now accept the inevitable and bow to the will of Europe, which cannot be accused of precipitate action.

Difficulties Removed.

A later message states that it is understood that both Greece and Serbia have received ample assurances that they will be admitted to the Councils of Europe to defend their special claims when the details come to be examined; hence it is expected that they will make no further difficulties to the signature of the Peace Treaty.

A New Factor.

Bulgaria's readiness to sign is interpreted in some quarters as being dictated by a desire to free herself by peace with Turkey to deal with Serbia and Greece. The situation in that respect is regarded with much anxiety, as the military party in Bulgaria is very strong and is confident of its ability to overthrow the combined Allies.

EMPIRE APPEAL COURT.

MATTER OF URGENCY.

London, May 28.

In the House of Commons Sir Rufus Isaacs, the Attorney-General, in moving the second reading of the Appellate Jurisdiction Bill, emphasised the urgency of the measure in view of the growing number of important appeals from India, and declared that it was impossible that the work of the Empire could be carried on unless the House authorised the creation of two new Lords of Appeal.

The measure was opposed by a small body of Ministerialists, who prevented the carrying of the motion.

The debate was adjourned.

Later.
The Appellate Jurisdiction Bill has been read a second time by 208 votes to 20.

TELEGRAMS.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

SITUATION IN TIBET.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 28.

Sir Edward Grey, in reply to Colonel Yate, in the House of Commons, said that the latest reports show that hostilities are still in progress between the Chinese tribesmen on the Eastern frontiers and Tibet. Otherwise, all the Chinese officials and troops had left the country, which was being peacefully administered by Tibetan authorities.

The Recognition Question.

In regard to the recognition of China, the Foreign Secretary referred his interrogator to the statements made on the 7th April and the 8th May.

On April 7, in a written answer Mr. Asquith informed Sir J. Lees that at the time of the establishment of the present administration in China His Majesty's Government exchanged views with the Governments of the other Powers as to the recognition of the Chinese Republic, and it was agreed that in this matter the Powers should act in concert, and that recognition should be conditional on a formal confirmation by the Republic of the rights, privileges, and immunities resulting from treaties and established customs and usages enjoyed by British subjects. To these views His Majesty's Government still adhere. Mr. Asquith added that the Foreign office had information to the effect that the United States Government was about to recognise the Republic of China. On May 8, Mr. Asquith said that the Government had no desire to delay the recognition of the Government of China. Great Britain's one desire was to get a formal authoritative confirmation of the Treaty and customary rights enjoyed by British and other nationals in China. When that was received, recognition would follow immediately.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

POTSDAM GARRISON REVIEWED.

London, May 28.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent states that in glorious weather, the Kaiser, wearing the uniform of the Garde Corps and the Ribbon of the Garter, and King George, attired in the uniform of Prussian Dragoon Guards, and wearing the Ribbon of the Black Eagle, reviewed the Potsdam Garrison. The Kaiser then led the troops past King George. The two monarchs, on leaving the ground received a hearty ovation.

The Empress and Queen Mary, together with a distinguished assemblage, witnessed this review from the Castle.

Lunch followed, at which members of both Royal families, the British and German Ambassadors, the German Chancellor, and Herr von Jagow, and other high officers were present.

Left for Home.

King George and Queen Mary have left Berlin for England.

Their Majesties have arrived at Port Victoria. A naval barge escorted the Royal yacht towards the harbour.

MILITARY AVIATOR'S DEATH.

London, May 28.

Lieut. Arthur, of the Royal Flying Corps, has been killed in an accident while flying at Montrose.

TELEGRAMS.

FRENCH FINANCES.

NEW INCOME TAX.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 28.

Reuter's Paris correspondent says the income-tax proposals for the purpose of meeting the military expenditure have been issued. An additional tax of one per cent will be put on incomes up to £2,000; two per cent, up to £4,000; and three per cent, above £4,000, the first £400 of an income to be exempt, and a further exemption of 1,000 francs will be made in respect of each child under 16 or parent or grandparent over 70 dependent on the taxpayer. Thus the tax on an income of £800 would be only £4. The total yield is estimated at £2,800,000.

Later.

Reuter's Paris correspondent states that the Chamber by 386 votes to 163 adopted a credit of 234 million francs for the retention with the colours of men due to be released, after a debate marked by heated opposition on the part of the Socialists. M. Barthou concluded with an eloquent defence of the proposals, declaring that he upheld liberty of discussion of military proposals in Parliament but not elsewhere. "It is our liberty, our right in Parliament," he added, "but in the barracks it is revolt, it is revolution."

OBITUARY.

LORD AVEBURY.

London, May 28.

The death is announced of Lord Avebury, the well-known banker and man of letters, at the age of 78 years.

[Lord Avebury, whom our older readers will better remember as Sir John Lubbock, was born in London in 1834, and was the son of the third Baronet. He was educated at Eton and privately. He entered Parliament for Maidstone in 1870, retaining that seat till 1880, after which he sat for ten years, as member for London University. The active interest taken by him in public life of every sort is well known; he was a member of a vast number of societies and, from 1872 to 1880, was Vice-Chancellor of the University of London. As an author, his publications covered a very wide field, scientific, political, literary, philosophical etc. His best known works were "Ants, Bees and Wasps," "The Use of Life," and "The Pleasures of Life." Lord Avebury was twice married.]

FASHIONABLE WEDDING.

London, May 28.

Miss Violet Belfield, daughter of His Excellency the Governor of East Africa (Mr. H. C. Belfield, formerly of the Federated Malay States), was married to Hamilton Frederick, son of Sir Edward Ward, at the Guards' Chapel at Wellington Barracks on Tuesday. There was a large and fashionable attendance at the wedding.

THE MIKADO.

London, May 28.

The general improvement in the condition of the Mikado is maintained.

TELEGRAMS.

SUGAR CONVENTION.

BRITAIN'S NEW POLICY.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Brussels states that Britain, having undertaken, despite her withdrawal from the Sugar Convention on September 1, to make no change in her treatment of sugar which will be prejudicial to other signatories to the Convention, without six months' notice, the International Commission has decided to continue the present treatment of British sugar and sugar products.

DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT

London, May 28.

The health of the Duchess of Connaught continues to be favourable. Her Royal Highness is carried into the garden every day. No more bulletins will be issued.

PLANS APPROVED.

Public Works Committee and Housing of Subordinate Officers.

Interesting reports of the proceedings of the Public Works Committee relative to the housing of subordinate officers were laid on the table at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council. These showed that the chairman laid before the committee on November 21, 1912, a plan which had been prepared for the erection of several blocks of flats on a site adjoining Park Road. The site in question was partly obtained by utilizing a portion of what was now known as the "West End Park" and partly by resuming Inland Lot 806. The resumption of the lot mentioned had already been arranged.

The plan showed three 3-storied blocks, grouped round an oval plot of land and a fourth block, (also 3-storied), a little to the westward. Each block contained four 2-roomed and two 4-roomed flats, or six separate flats or quarters, all of which were provided with the necessary servants' quarters and offices. The estimated cost was as follows:—
Group of 3 blocks, containing 18 flats, \$120,500; Fourth block, containing 8 flats, \$89,000; Total \$159,500.

The committee unanimously approved of the plan submitted and were of opinion that the erection of the group of 3 blocks, containing 11 flats, should be proceeded with in the first instance.

On April 28 of this year the chairman laid before the committee a plan which had been prepared for the erection of eight 2-storied houses, forming a continuous row, on an area of Crown land to the west of King's Park and south of Jordan Road. Part of the area referred to had formerly been included in K.L.L. 1132, which had been acquired by Government, the major portion of the lot, with a dwelling house on same, being utilized for a residence for the manager of the British Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

Six of the houses would contain 3 rooms each whilst the two end houses would contain 4 rooms each. Each house would also contain a kitchen, pantry and bathroom and some accommodation for servants would be provided in a separate block in the rear. The estimated cost of the eight houses was \$61,000, or an average of \$7,625 per house.

The committee unanimously approved of the plan and recommended that the houses should be arranged as indicated by blue dotted lines on the plan dated 12th April, 1913, the bill which partly occupies this site being out away to enable this to be done.

TELEGRAMS.

HOME CRICKET.

THE LATEST RESULTS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 28.

Lancashire beat Leicestershire, at Manchester, by 292 runs.
Kent beat Somersetshire, at Oxford, by 354 runs.

Gloucestershire beat Nottingham, at Gloucester, by nine wickets.
Yorkshire beat Sussex at Sheffield by eight wickets.

Surrey defeated Essex at the Oval by 74 runs.

Warwickshire beat Hampshire at Southampton by 84 runs.
Northamptonshire beat Cambridge University at Cambridge by ten wickets.

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

Y.M.C.A. beat Olympic.

The postponed League match between the Olympic Club and Y.M.C.A. was played last evening on the former's courts. The result was a victory for the visitors by 57 games to 42. The best pair were O.O. Hickling and Joseland, who won 22 games out of 38 played. For the losers Stevens and Wilson, and the Vivesash Bros. each won 16 games, but Weidler and Ruprecht were 23 games down on their play. Scores:—
Stevens and Wilson (Olympic) beat Le Breton and Harbord, 7-3; lost to O.O. Hickling and Joseland, 3-8; beat Rev. C. H. Hickling and Kempthorne, 8-5.

Vivesash Bros. (Olympic) lost to O.O. Hickling and Joseland 3-8; lost to Harbord and Le Breton, 5-6; beat Rev. C. H. Hickling and Kempthorne 8-3.

Weidler and Ruprecht (Olympic) lost to Rev. C. H. Hickling and Kempthorne, 8-3; lost to Harbord and Breton, 2-9; lost to O. C. Hickling and Joseland, 5-6.

BILLIARDS.

Soldiers' Club Tournament.
The billiard match between the R.E. "B" team, and the R.G.A. Victoria and Kowloon, concluded last evening in the Soldiers Club, and a further stage was reached, in the competition for the cup, presented by the Hongkong Volunteers. The full score is as follows:—

R. E. "B."
Sapper Applin..... 209
Corpl. Coxon..... 178
Sapper Allen..... 183
Sapper Clarke..... 200
Sapper Morgan..... 200
A. M. S. Black..... 200
Sapper Johnson..... 200
Sapper Toomey..... 200

1,661

R. G. A.

Sgt. Gillman..... 142
Sgt. Hare..... 200
Sgt. Campbell..... 200
Sgt. Draper..... 168
Sgt. Morgan..... 190
Sapper Cooper..... 171
Sapper Woods..... 158
Sapper Driver..... 164

1,319

USED A KNIFE.

In the course of a dispute between two Chinese at Wanchoi, one of the men slashed the other with a knife causing a severe wound on the hand.

At the Police Court this morning, Mr. Hazeland said it was possible that lookjaw might intervene and though he intended sending the defendant to goal he thought it better to remand the case for a week.

TELEGRAMS.

THE COURTS.

A NEW JUDGE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 28.

Mr. James Richard Atkin, K.O., has been appointed as an additional Judge in the King's Bench Division.

[Mr. Atkin is a barrister of Gray's Inn, was called in 1891 and became a Bench in 1906. He was attached to the South Western and Chester circuit.]

Lord Justice Resigns.
Lord Justice Farwell has resigned owing to ill-health.

[The Right Hon. Sir George Farwell is 67 years of age. He was appointed a judge of the High Courts of Justice in 1899, and Lord Justice in 1903. He decided the famous Taft Vale case, his decision being affirmed by the House of Lords and he acted as chairman of the commission appointed to enquire into the war stores scandal.]

BRIBERY.

MR. STILWELL TO BE IMPRISONED.

London, May 28.

Mr. Stilwell, chairman of the Codes Committee of the New York State Senate, who was recently convicted of bribery in connection with Exchange reform legislation, has been sentenced to imprisonment, the duration of his sentence to be limited by a minimum of four years and a maximum of eight years.

CANADIAN NAVAL BILL.

PEOPLE'S OPINION WANTED.

London, May 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa says Sir George Ross, the Liberal Leader in the Senate, moved an amendment to the Navy Bill refusing assent to the measure till it had been submitted to the judgment of the country.

ANOTHER AVIATOR KILLED.

London, May 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Saarover reports that the aviator Mr. Horn was killed while flying near Burgwedel.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

Latest county cricket results are given in a telegram.

The health of the Duchess of Connaught continues to improve.

Two further aviation fatalities are reported in telegrams on this page.

The Appellate Jurisdiction Bill has passed its second reading in the House of Commons.

Sir Edward Grey says Tibet is now being peacefully administered by the Tibetan authorities.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

By new Income Tax proposals France will raise £2,800,000 to meet the military expenditure.

In the Interport Shooting Competition, Penang made a score of 741; Shanghai this win this year.

King George and the Kaiser reviewed the Potsdam Garrison; and later King George and Queen Mary left for England.

A Liberal amendment to the Canadian Navy Bill has been moved aiming at the submission of the Bill to the country.

The International Sugar Commission has decided to continue its present treatment of British sugar and sugar products.

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Miss Violet Belfield, daughter of the Governor of East Africa, has been married to Hamilton Frederick, a son of Sir Edward Ward.

Lord Justice Farwell has resigned owing to ill-health; and Mr. Atkin has been appointed an additional Judge of the King's Bench Division.

A sensation has been created by Sir Edward Grey firmly telling the Balkan peace delegates that the Peace Treaty must be signed as it stands.

LOCAL.

Beggars who declined to leave the Colony, though one of them had his fare paid several times, were fined at the Port Court this morning.

A Bill entitled An Ordinance to prohibit the circulation of Foreign Notes was read a first time to-day at the meeting of the Legislative Council.

In a criticism of "The Thief" which appears in our columns to-day, it is described as a work of genius. The play was staged by the Dallas Company last night.

Reports of the proceedings of the Public Works Committee relative to the housing of subordinate officers were laid before the Legislative Council to-day.

At the Legislative Council meeting to-day the first reading was taken of a Bill was taken to prohibit the importation and circulation of certain Foreign Coins.

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Bijou Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
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Bijou Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Concert, Volunteer Head-quarters, 9.15 p.m.

Saturday, May 31.
Second Gymkhana.
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. Annual General Meeting, 12.15 p.m.

Monday, June 2.
Cherniavsky Trio, City Hall, 9.15.

Crown Land Sale 3 p.m.
Tuesday, June 3.
King's Birthday Parade.
Boys Own Club Sports, 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday June 11.
Canton Insurance Office Ltd. extraordinary general meeting, noon.

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The Chinese Language.

The present monosyllabic state
of the Chinese language thus de-
veloped from an older polysyllabic
state, of which the tones are the
remnants, and the idea that
Chinese represents the primitive
stage of language falls to the
ground. As stated above also,
Chinese does not at all represent
the primitive form of language so
far as it is known to us. Primitive
languages possess an extraordi-
nary wealth of inflections and
hardly any fixed word-order,
and although the science
of language has not yet been
able to pierce the gloom that lie
beyond this primitive state and
tell us how this wealth of in-
flections arose, it now points very de-
finitely to progress in language
being towards the dropping of
inflections and the adoption of
fixed word-order. Chinese is thus
not the first seed of language, but
the full bloom, marred un-
fortunately by a system of writing
which has assisted in the growth
of dialects and prevented the real
unification of the people on the
sound basis of language.

South China Morning Post.

Loyal Hongkong Merchants.

It is gratifying to find that
commercial guilds in Hongkong,
comprising as they do some of
the most progressive Chinese
merchants in the south of China,
passed resolutions not only ex-
pressive of their loyalty to the
Central Government during the
recent crisis, but also declaring
themselves in favour of Yuan
Shin-kai as president. It would
not be unjust to infer that Canton
is not able to take as clear and
comprehensive a view of the
situation as the Hongkong mer-
chants have evidently done.
They are likely to be more pa-
rochial in their outlook and there-
fore it is not surprising to find
that many of the Cantonese were
opposed to the agreement because
of "its undesirable demands and
the unconditional signatures at-
tached to it," although, with a
naïve native humour, they con-
cur as to the necessity for a loan.
Canton, by its attitude
on the loan question, has followed
the lead of Dr. Sun. It was an
ill-considered move, which fomented
the idea that the south was
again at war with the northern
administrators. Luckily China's
strong man rose to the occasion,
defied opposition and sought
release from a multitude of cares
by enlisting the support and
practical sympathy of the
international financiers.

China Mail.

"Port" and "Starboard."

The object of the abolition of
port and starboard is stated to be
to simplify matters for the hosts
of landmen who man our floating
machine-shops and gun-bearing
vessels. Now, in the old days of
sailing craft, it usually took a
smart officer, with the aid of a
rope's end, only about two watches
to look into the veriest landlubber
the fact that star-board is right
and port left, even if the recruit
was as dull as the historic Irish
lookout who, when asked what he
made of an approaching red and a
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GENERAL NEWS.

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Warning to Hotel Keepers.

The "Japan Advertiser" says: Two mysterious travellers calling themselves Horner and Scott have been trying to meet the expenses of their tour through Japan by paying for their tiffin with a Cook and Son's traveller's cheque numbered 1,042,156 for \$100, issued in favour of Mr. Jorge Bahrens, which on presentation to Messrs. Cook and Son has proved to be irregular, payment having been stopped. Some explanation of how the cheque came into possession of the present holders seems to be desirable.

Politics in the Wild West.

An American paper describes a mass meeting in a small Western town, at which a large quantity of refreshments were distributed to keep the audience in good humour. The first speaker rose after the noise had ceased to some extent and began his speech by saying: "The old hall is full to-night," but here his voice was drowned by the confusion. When it had subsided he began by saying: "The old hall is full to-night." He paused for rhetorical effect, and a thick voice in the back of the hall said, slowly and deliberately: "So is old Bill Horn." The meeting then broke up.

The Shirase Expedition.

The Society backing the Shirase Antarctic Expedition having presented specimens of penguins, polar rocks, etc. to the Imperial House, His Majesty the Emperor has granted a sum of ¥2,500 in aid of the funds of the Society in recognition of the services rendered by it. Count Okuma is the President of the Society.—"Japan Times."

Kobe Municipal Scandals—

Culprit Sentenced.

Judgment has been given against Komaki Tampei, ex-clerk of the Kobe City Office, who has been under trial at for Kobe embezzlement of about ¥50,000. Judge Iwamoto sentenced accused to four years' penal servitude.

A Soochow Rumour.

A Soochow telegram received in Shanghai on the 23rd said that there were repeated rumours that big bands of bandits had arrived to loot and disturb the city and that the army had been approached to join in the plot. The Tathu has been asked to go to Soochow.

Tibet as a Trade Ground.

Speaking at University College on "Commercial Careers for Graduates," Mr. S. A. Mitra emphasised the importance of developing our trade with Tibet. He did not see why it should be left alone, as it had been. They could get things out of Tibet as well as Persia if they went to the Indian trader. Tibet net musk was valued at £6 10s. an ounce, or twice the value of 18 carat gold, while there were great possibilities in the Tibetan fur trade.

Memorial to Late King of Siam.

A Berlin sculptor, Karl Kowalozewski, has just completed the original of a memorial to the late King of Siam that is to be erected in Bangkok by the German living in Siam. It represents King Chulalongkorn, and the "elephant" heads, the national emblem. The unveiling of the memorial is, it is stated, to take place in September. The statue itself will be executed in bronze.

HONGKONG SUGAR.

Competition with Japan.

According to the Osaka "Mainichi," writes the "Japan Chronicle," the high price of silver since the beginning of the year has favoured the export of refined sugar to China, and all the refining companies have contracts for shipments up to July or August next. It is expected that over a million bags will be exported during this year. The rainy season—a cause for anxiety to sugar-dealers—is now close at hand, and the disturbed political situation has discouraged the Shanghai market. The export trade is now very depressed, but it is expected the demand will be double after the rainy season. The Osaka journal goes on to say that Japanese sugar has established its influence in the Yangtze valley during the past few years, and has gradually driven Hongkong sugar out of the market there, but North China is still within the "sphere of influence" of the Hongkong sugar, and there is a fairly good demand for sugar there, as North China is so far little affected by the political crisis. It is expected that a sugar war will break out in North China as a result of Japanese and Hongkong competition. 10,000 bags of Japanese refined sugar have been shipped to Hongkong, where the sale of Japanese sugar has been forced to some extent. The machinery used by the Hongkong sugar mill is antiquated pattern, and cannot produce the same quality as the Japanese mills. Hongkong sugar cannot compete with Japanese sugar at the same price. Owing to the failure of the cane crop in Formosa, both Japanese and Hongkong mills are using Java sugar, and the present competition between the two will be decided by the skill shown in the purchase of Java sugar and choice of the quality. The Hongkong mill is now on the defensive instead of the offensive. It is in a slightly more advantageous position in regard to freight Java sugar, and Japanese sugar refiners have to lose that difference. In these circumstances the Japanese mills are not making any profit although the export business is very active, and their losses must be made good with the profits made in Japan, where sugar must be sold at a higher price. The price however, cannot be further increased on account of the over-supply of sugar, so that the activity in export of refined sugar is producing a bad economic result for Japan.

WHAT CHINA THINKS.

The "Republican Advocate of China" is in many ways a notable publication, and in a recent issue the editor deals with the waning influence of Great Britain and the increasing power of Japan in directing the future of the Republic.

What will be the probable effects of Great Britain's false policy? China has now become painfully conscious that Great Britain's profession of friendship is but an empty phrase. The friend in need is the friend whom China will benefit in her days of prosperity. England (we mean the British Government) since China's struggle for liberty, reforms, and enlightenment, has not only shown China the cold shoulder, but to all appearance is putting obstacles to every one of her righteous aspirations to become a strong nation. Does it not look as if she is helping Russia in her attempt to hamper China's progress? Has she not been among those who obstructed the success of the recent Loan? What gratitude, what appreciation can she then expect from China? She will have but her own statement to blame for the prestige and influence which she has so long maintained slips from her to her rivals.

Our only consolation is that China still has strong and determined champions in the British ranks, and our sincere hope is that those good forces will be strong enough to overthrow the evil forces and will thus ultimately succeed in maintaining the friendship and prestige which England has by its past practice of righteousness, justice, and fair play richly earned in the estimation of the Chinese public.

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The Baltimore was with Admiral Dewey at the battle of Manila Bay, May 1, 1898. In March of that year, when it was apparent that war with Spain was to occur, the Baltimore, then at Honolulu, was ordered to join the cruiser Olympia, flagship of the Asiatic squadron. This assignment was important because while all the warships had

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ammunition sufficient for a battle, additional supplies were needed. The wooden cruiser Mohican was loaded with powder and projectiles at Mare Island, and hurried to the Baltimore arrived at Hongkong on April 22, and took so much ammunition that not a third of it was expended at the battle of Manila Bay. Two days later she was cleaned and cooled and painted the fighting colour. On April 27 the fleet set out for the Philippines and arrived off the island of Luzon on April 30, and at five o'clock on the morning of May 1 reached Manila, ready to engage the Spanish fleet. The late Rear Admiral Neimish M. Dyer, then a captain, was in command of the Baltimore at the time, and was advanced seven numbers in grade for his eminent and conspicuous conduct in the battle.

Major G. S. Knox, R.E. Major G. S. Knox, staff officer of Royal Engineers in the Eastern Command, has been appointed assistant surveyor-general in the Federated Malay States.

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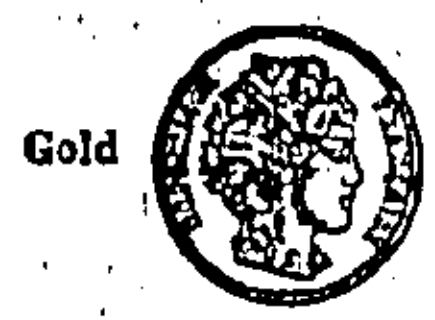
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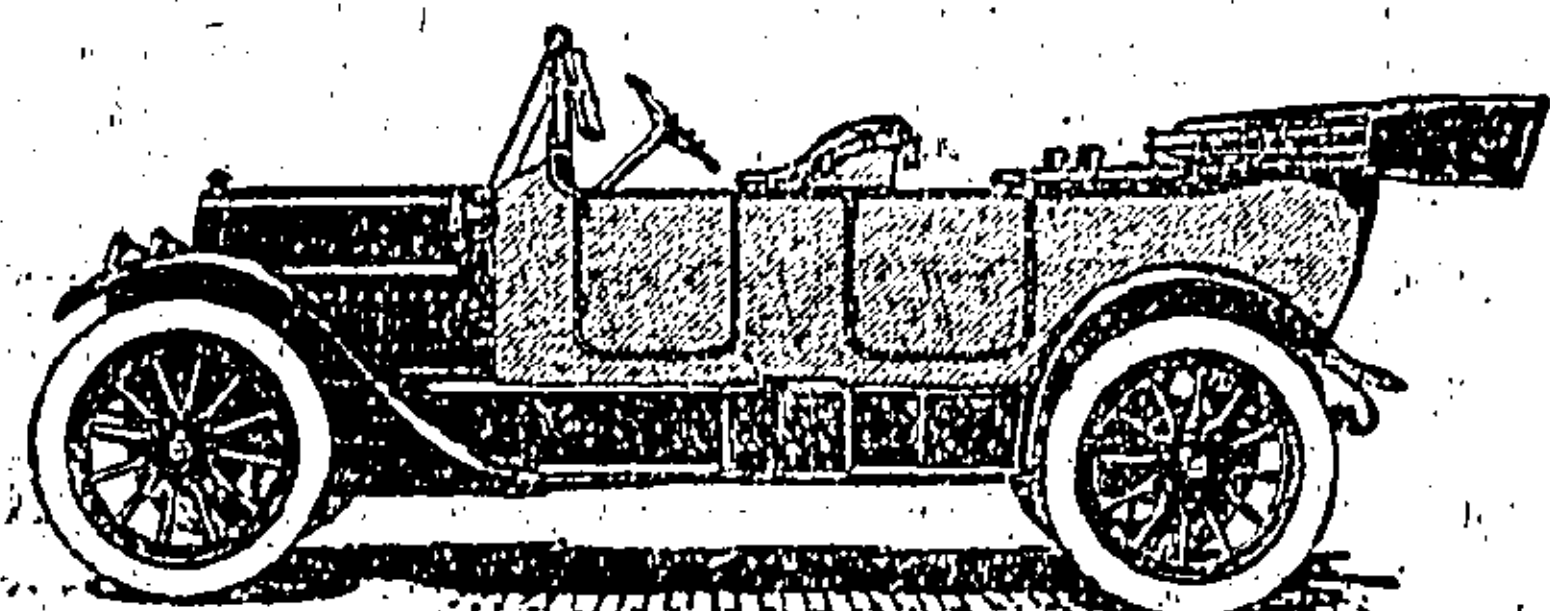
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AN ADVENTUROUS CAREER.

Death of a Hongkong Tea Clipper Captain.

Captain Philip Henry Nicholls, of 10 Stovell Avenue, Longsight, Manchester, who died last month at the age of 93, had an adventurous career in all parts of the world and will doubtless be remembered by many of the older members of the Far East. In 1833 he left his home in Devonshire at the age of thirteen, and went to sea. The ships of those days were not floating palaces of comfort, but he struggled on through many misfortunes, and in 1846 was given an independent command. In 1857 he took out a master's certificate, and soon afterwards was given command of one of the famous China tea-clippers, sailing vessels which had succeeded the more stately East Indiamen. His ship, the Lady Raglan, accomplished some very quick voyages from Hongkong, acquiring a world-wide reputation. So many adventures fell in Captain Nicholls' way that his life reads very like one of Clark Russell's heroes. He was shipwrecked several times, became a pearl diver, and once lived quite a long time on a South Sea island. Here he became very popular, and the chief generously offered him an island for himself, the only condition being that he should take to wife one of the dusky belles of the tribe. That condition, however, caused him to decline the offer. In his voyages across the Pacific he acquired considerable knowledge of the sea, and carried out important surveys. In 1869 he gave up the sea for a life on shore, and became a member of the Manchester Corporation sanitary staff. He carried out his duties as a sanitary inspector until 1907, being noted to the end for his activity.—Exchange.

KILT AND A WOODEN LEG.

The recent discussion in Parliament on the decrease in the strength of the Territorial force (says the "Glasgow News") recalls a story of the early days of that body, when there was a "boom" in recruiting for it. In one part of the Highlands almost every man in the district joined the local battalion of "kilties," and the man were signed on without medical examination, it being quite usual in some country districts to wait until the annual camp before medically examining recruits. On arrival in camp it was noticed that one man was wearing the treads at drill instead of the regulation kilt, and being asked the reason he explained that he had left his kilt at home. "Why on earth did you do that?" inquired his company officer. "Well, ye see, sir," replied the recruit, "I'm afraid I wudna suit the kilt vera weel, as I've got a wooden leg."

A Handsome Model scene.

A handsome model of the Chinese scene, together with small figures representing all the characters in the Yellow Jacket, is to be sent from the Duke of York's Theatre for exhibition in the Chinese section of the exhibition of theatrical art in Paris.

INTERNATIONAL POLO.

Prospects of the British Team.

The British Polo team sailed in the White Star s.s. Oceanic from Southampton on Wednesday, May 7, carrying with them to America the hopes and good will of all who care for our credit as a nation of sportsmen, says the "Times" of May 8.

A few weeks more than two years ago, on April 8, 1911, Captain Hardress Lloyd and his team started for America in quest of the Cup which is now drawing an England team across the Atlantic once more. There is, however, a vital difference between the equipment of the two expeditions, both in numbers and quality. The present team of English ponies, which, 40 in number, are now on their way to New York in the Minneapolis, should prove greatly superior to those available for Captain Lloyd's team, and it is upon the comparative pony power of England and America that the issue of the struggle is likely to depend. To turn to the players, the American side will in all probability be composed of Mr. Whitney's famous Meadowbrook team, which carried off the Cup from Hurlingham in 1909 and successfully defended it at Meadowbrook in 1911. The form of Mr. Whitney, the brothers Waterbury, and Mr. Devereux Milburn is too well known to need comment. They have played together for more years than some of them may care to recall. It remains to be seen whether any of them are as yet destined to join the ranks of the veterans.

The Players.

The players who are expected to represent England are: Captain Leslie Cheape, Captain Noel Edwards, Captain R. G. Ritson, the captain of the team, and Captain Vivian Lockett. Captain Edwards and Captain Cheape earned immortal fame at Meadowbrook in 1911, and there is every reason why they should be still more effective and brilliant when mounted on better ponies. Neither Captain Ritson nor Captain Lockett has taken part in international matches, but both may be expected to rise to a great occasion and to uphold the prestige of the British Army for skill and sportsmanship on the polo field. It is rather a curious coincidence that both Captain Ritson and Captain Cheape began their military careers in infantry regiments.

There is one strong contrast between the English and the American sides; whereas the probable American team has played together for years, the team which is expected to fight for England will have its first practice together after landing in America. However, players and ponies of the right class do not take long to weld themselves into a homogeneous side, and it may be recalled that Captain Lloyd's team in 1911 had enjoyed no practice together and that Captain Wilson only joined the side at the eleventh hour. How well he played and how extraordinarily sound the combination of the team proved are matters of history. Provided that the English players and ponies are not affected by the change of climate and that they do not encounter more than their share of ill luck, the prospects of the return of the America Cup to Hurlingham are certainly brighter than in 1911.

The King and the Team.

The King received at Buckingham Palace on Monday May 5 Captain R. G. Ritson, Captain Leslie Cheape, Captain Noel Edwards, and Captain Vivian Lockett.

His Majesty discussed the prospects of the Test Matches with the players, and wished them every success in their attempt to bring the America Cup back to England.

Sir H. McCallum.

Sir Henry McCallum, Governor of Ceylon, with Lady McCallum, arrived at Plymouth on April 25 from London. Sir Henry McCallum, who had been in India for many years, has benefited greatly by his stay in the South of France.

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Bramble	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. W. H. Darwell	Yangtze
Britomart	Gunboat	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. H. Williams	Shanghai
Cadmus	British sloop	300	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Cherub	Water tank and tug	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Clio	Torpedo-boat destroyer	360	6	5,700	Lt.-Com. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Fame	2nd class cruiser	4,350	10	7,000	Capt. C. F. Corbett M.V.O.	Shanghai
Flora	Torpedo-boat destroyer	295	6	4,000	Lt.-Com. F. G. Brickenden	West River
Handy	Torpedo-boat destroyer	280	6	3,900	Lt.-Com. Boddam Whetham	Hongkong
Janus	1st class cruiser	9,000	14	22,000	Capt. Allen T. Hunt O.S.I.	Hongkong
Kent	River gunboat	618	4	1,200	Lt.-Com. H. Marryatt	Yangtze
Kinsha	Surveying ship	1,040	—	—	Capt. F. O. C. Pasco	Hongkong
Merlin	1st class cruiser	14,600	—	27,000	Capt. G. C. Osley	Hongkong
Minotaur	1st class cruiser	8,200	—	22,000	Capt. B. H. F. Bartelot	Hongkong
Monmouth	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Alan Dixon	Hongkong
Moore	2nd class cruiser	4,800	12	22,000	Capt. Frederick A. Powlett	Hongkong
Nightingale	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. M. Murray	Yangtze
Otter	Torpedo-boat	385	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. E. T. R. Chambers	Canton
Ribble	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Com. E. J. G. Maokinnon	Hongkong
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Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	355	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Hongkong
Welland	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Com. Seymour	Hongkong
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	380	6	5,800	Com. R. Neville	Hongkong
Widgeon	Gunboat	195	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. J. C. Borrett	Upper Yangtze
Woodcock	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtze
Woodlark	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Shanghai
O. 26,		—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Godfrey Herbert	Hongkong
O. 37,		—	—	—	Lt.-Com. A. A. L. Fenner	Hongkong
O. 38,		—	—	—	Lt.-Com. J. R. A. Codrington	Hongkong
T.B. 035,		—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Handley	West River
T.B. 036,		—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Stileman	Hongkong
T.B. 037,		—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Nicol	Hongkong
T.B. 038,		—	—	—	Lt.-Com. H. W. Seymour	Hongkong

* Flagship of Admiral Sir A. L. Winsloe, K.C.B., C.V.O., O.M.G. Commander-in-Chief.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

Kaiser Franz Joseph I	Armoured cruiser	4,000	45	8,000	Capt. Hauta	Shanghai
French.						
Dupleix **	Armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Vergos	Shanghai
Kleber	Armoured cruiser	9,700	12	19,600	Capt. Gouris	Hongkong
Decidee	Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lieut. Vandier	Saigon
Argus	River gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante	Gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. de Jervillier	Canton
Peiho	Gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Collin	Tongku
Dondard de Lagree, Gunboat		—	—	—	Lieut. Dupuy Duteemps	Tchong-kin
** Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloche de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.						
Lynx	Submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. Boluix	Saigon
Protee	Submarine	—	—	—		Saigon
Styx	Armoured gunboat	1,788	10	1,700	Lieut. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon
Fronde	Destroyer	350	7	303	Lieut. Aurillac	Saigon
d'Iberville	Destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Ronisen	Hongkong
Pistolet	Destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessac	Saigon
Mousquet	Destroyer	307	6	300		Saigon
Manche	Surveying-ship	1,625	10	9,000	Com. Voisin	Saigon
* Flagship of Commodore Boucicaut, Commanding the local defence Indo-China.						
German.						
Emden	Cruiser	3,800	22	13,500	Capt. v. Restorff	Swatow
Gneisenau	Armoured cruiser	11,800	36	28,000	Captain Brunninghaus	Tsingtau
Itia	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Vanselow	Tsingtau
Leipzig	Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Behncke	Tsingtau
Lueths	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Bendemann	Tsingtau
Nurnburg	Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. Morsberger	Tsingtau
Otter	River gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Firle	Yangtze
Scharnhorst	Flagship	11,600	36	28,000	Capt. Rosing	Shanghai
S. 90	Torpedo-boat	400	8	6,500	Capt. Lt. Berrenberg	Tsingtau
Taku	Torpedo-boat	280	4	6,000	Oblt. z. S. Classen	Tsingtau
Tiger	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Booker	Tsingtau
Tsingtau	River gunboat	223	4	1,300	Capt. Lt. Frhr. Speth v. Schulzburg	Canton
Vaterland	River gunboat	223	4	500	Oblt. z. S. Prinz	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	2,145	—	—	Com. Sommi Picenardi	Shanghai
Portuguese.						
Adamastor	Cruiser	1,757	—	—	Capt. Annibal de S. Dias	Hongkong
Macao	Gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patria	Gunboat	700	—	—	Capt. Luiz A. de Magalhaes Correa Macas	

UNITED STATES VESSELS ATTACHED TO ASIATIC STATION.

A-2	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign G. Bradford	Cavite
A-4	"	—	—	—	Ensign W. H. Pastley	"
A-6	"	—	—	—	Ensign H. L. Rabal Daffer	"
A-7	"	—	—	—	Ensign C. M. Yates	"
Albany	Protected cruiser	3,430	10	7,500	Commander M. L. Bristol	Cruising
Bainbridge	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lieut. R. A. Spruance	Cavite
Barry	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lieut. O. S. Keller	"
Callao	Gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign W. L. Haiberg	Canton
Chauncey	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign Woodson	Cavite
Cincinnati	Protected cruiser	3,183	11	10,000	Com. J. V. Chase	Cruising
Dale	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign F. T. Berry	Cavite
Decatur	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign F. Cogswell	"
Elcano	Gunboat	620	4	600	Lt. Com. V. S. Gannon	Shanghai
Helena	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,988	Com. G. R. Marvell	Shanghai
Mohican	Station ship	1,900	6	1,100	Lieut. V. R. Lowe	Cavite
Monadnock	Monitor	3,990	6	3,600	Com. W. C. Cole	Olongapo
Monterey	Monitor	4,084	4	5,277	Com. W. C. Cole	"
Pampanga	Gunboat	243	8	—	Ensign P. J. Peyton	Cavite
Piscataqua	Sea going tug	854	2	1,600	Lieut. S. W. Wallace	Canton
Pompey	Repair ship	3,085	—	—	Com. O. W. Cole	Cavite
Quiros	Gunboat	350	2	208	Ensign O. St. A. Botsford	Shanghai
Rainbow	Cruiser	4,360	14	1,800	Lt. Com. D. W. Wurtsbaugh	Swatow
Samar	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lieut. G. O. Dichman	Shanghai
Saratoga **	Cruiser	8,115	14	17,401	Commander H. A. Wiley	Shanghai
Villalobos	Gunboat	370	9	208	Lieut. E. Durr	Shanghai
Wilmington	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,894	Commander J. F. Hubbard	Hongkong
Wompatuck	Tug	482	—	650	Chief B. Wain, B. O. Halliwell	Olongapo

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NORTHERN NEWS.

SHANGHAI.

A Fireman's Bravery.

In the Municipal Gazette is published a copy of a letter from the Municipal Council to Second Assistant Foreman Mr. H. G. Allen, of the Deluge Company S. F. D., appreciating the promptitude and pluck which he showed at the foot of the fire on March 30. On this occasion a Chinese boatman, who attempted by swimming to regain his boat when it was afloat, was dragged to the shore by Mr. Allen, assisted by a German sailor and other firemen. Mr. Allen also swam to the assistance of a Brigade coolie who had fallen into the river and was on the point of sinking.

The Chernavsky Trio.

The three musical brothers whose performances were so much appreciated in Hongkong have been having a most successful season in Shanghai.

Judge Thayer.

His Honour Judge R. H. Thayer, of the United States Court for China, was to return to Shanghai from the North last Saturday. Business in the local court was to begin on Monday.

Fire in Hongkong District.

Last Thursday morning early, a fire broke out in Tiendong Road, Hongkong, and, before the Brigade could reach the spot, several Chinese houses were in flames. The firemen worked desperately hard to prevent the blaze from spreading, and, in less than a couple of hours, it was extinguished. Two houses were gutted and several others badly damaged. The property was owned by Messrs. Probst, Hanbury and Co.

The s.s. Empress of Russia. The C. P. R. s.s. Empress of Russia arrived in Shanghai on the 23rd inst. Invitations to view the vessel were issued to the principal residents, and she left for Japan the same evening.

General Electric Company of China. Two new contracts have been awarded to the General Electric Company of China. The one is for a complete electric plant for Changchow, and the other for an additional plant for Soochow.

Newspaper's Claim against a Circus. A case has been brought by the "China Press" against F. E. P. Lilli, the circus proprietor, in the Supreme Court, the claim being for \$141 for printing and goods supplied, and \$28 costs. The money for printing etc was paid out of court, and Mr. F. S. A. Bourne, Assistant Judge, made an order for court fees and \$14 costs.

CHEFOO.

The Breakwater Commission. The first meeting of the Breakwater Commission was held on May 22, when three were present: Dr. Ph. Lenz, German Consul, representing the Consuls, the Commissioner of Customs, the Chinese Superintendent of Customs, who represented the Chinese Government, and the Chairman of each of the foreign and Chinese Chambers of Commerce. A preliminary talk over the subject matter took place, and the Commissioners partook of refreshments. Everyone hailed the prospect of the beginning of the long desired breakwater with delight.

HANKOW.

The Tea Trade. A few chests of tea were sold in Hankow towards the end of last week, but in general the Chinese dealers held out for higher prices than the foreign merchants would give. The regular market was expected to open later.

Is he an Opium-smoker? The chief of the opium monopoly offices at Hankow, in whose residence at Wuchang opium utensils and opium were discovered, has now been ordered by the Wuchang government to undergo examination to see if he is an opium smoker.

PEKING AND TIENTSIN. Arrested Senator Released. In the House of Representatives on May 19, Tuan Chih-jui, the Acting Premier, failed to satisfy the House regarding an order for trial by court martial of the member arrested on suspicion of being a bomb-thrower. The House did not challenge the arrest of the member, but insisted that he

should be tried in a civil court, to which the Government is assenting.

Neither House met the following day, but the Senate requested Tuan Chih-jui's attendance on the 21st in connexion with the above arrest. This, however, is not likely to cause further trouble owing to the prompt liberation of the member when the Chairman of the House informed the Government of that member's identity. Though in this instance the House is acting calmly, disagreements on other points continue. The Kuomintang insist that the Cabinet shall be a party one, while other parties advocate a strong Cabinet independent of party considerations.

Consul's Wife Ill. We regret to hear that Mrs. Hewlett, wife of H.B.M.'s Vice-Consul in Tientsin, who only recently arrived in the settlement, is in hospital, suffering from fever.

On Leave. Mr. J. S. Noakes, of Messrs Hall and Holtz, Ltd., left Tientsin on May 13 for Home, on three months' leave. Mr. H. A. Luoker, the well-known Tientsin solicitor, has left for a six months' holiday, part of which will be spent in England and part in America.

JAPAN.

Interport Tennis. The Tennis match between the Yokohama Ladies' Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club and the Kobe Lawn Tennis Club, which has now been made an annual fixture, was to take place at Yokohama on the 24th and 25th inst.; possibly extending over the 26th also, for some of the Ladies' matches. The K.L.T.C. team chosen were Messdames Cosser, Feast, Hansell and Lazarus, and Messrs A. W. Cosser, H. Horne, C. J. Lucas, G. A. Roper, T. D. Wright, and G. G. Woodruff.

Earthquake Shock. On the 14th inst. a strong earthquake shock was felt throughout Yokohama. It created some amount of alarm in the Gaiety Theatre, where a crowded house had collected to listen to the performance of the Bandmann Opera Company.

A General Holiday in Yokohama. May 15 was observed as a general holiday in Yokohama in memory of the opening of the port to foreign trade in 1858. The commemoration happened to coincide with the native festival of the Daijingu Shrine at Isewama, and so the entire town was in fête.

Destruction of Ownerless Dogs. The Kaga-cho police, beginning from May 16, have entered upon a crusade against ownerless dogs found in the district within their jurisdiction. All such animals are being destroyed.

Celebrated Temple destroyed by Fire.

Fire broke out at the Ryuinji Temple, in Umezono-mura, Saitama prefecture, on the 15th inst. The flames spread very rapidly, and reduced to ashes all the buildings within the compound. A priest, named Genryu Ito, was burned to death while attempting to save the Buddha images enshrined in the temple. This was considered one of the three famous temples in the Kanto district. The damage is estimated at ¥20,000.

Sino-Japanese Commercial Trust Company.

The prospectus of the Sino-Japanese Commercial Trust Company was issued on May 22 at Tokyo. The capital of the Company is ¥5,000,000, half to be subscribed by Japanese and half by Chinese, and its object is to capitalize railways and mines and act as agents for Japanese capitalists and Chinese merchants. The shareholders include the Mitsui Bussan Company, the Industrial Bank of Japan, the Yasuda Bank, the Yokohama Specie Bank, Bank of Formosa, Fushida Bank, Hondo Bank, and Messrs K. Okura & Co. The head office of the Company will be in Shanghai, and the chief branch in Tokyo.

It is stated that all business people connected with the Kuomintang are joining the Company, and it is anticipated that Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Baron Shibusawa will be its Presidents.

Sir Ronald Ross.

Sir Ronald Ross has returned to London from the work he has been carrying out in regard to malaria in Cyprus on behalf of the Colonial Office.

LONDON CHURCH BURNED.

Statement by the Vicar.

As was reported by Reuter at the time, the church of St. Catherine, Hatcham, situated in Peppers-road, New Cross, was practically destroyed by fire shortly after noon on Tuesday, May 6, and the damage, which is partially covered by insurance, is estimated at several thousands of pounds. The walls and centre arches are not seriously injured, and it is hoped that little will have to be expended in their restoration. At half-past eleven the vicar, the Rev. H. J. H. Truscott, visited the church and found everything as usual, but half an hour later he was amazed to see the building in flames. He states that the gas was turned off securely and that the heating apparatus had not been used for a fortnight. This would lead to the belief that the fire was the work of an incendiary, and it has been suggested that suffragists are responsible. Up to the present, however, there is no evidence which would confirm this view, although, according to one report, a number of hassocks were found to have been saturated in oil.

The church occupies a commanding position at the top of Peppers-road, and is a landmark for many miles around. It was erected about 20 years ago, at a cost of £18,000, by the Harbourside Company and valuable fittings and stained glass windows have been added since it was built. The building was admired for its fine architecture. The fire was first noticed from Aske's School by an employee who immediately gave the alarm. The vicar hurried to the building with the intention of saving the more valuable ornaments and furniture, but the flames were so fierce in the chancel that he was obliged to give up the idea of entering that part of the church. He was able, however, to get into the vestry, from which he removed the registers and other church documents to a place of safety. In the meantime the firemen had arrived, and as the situation was grave a district call was given.

The firemen were unable to get at the flames under the outer roof of slates, and it was impossible to get near enough to break the slates in order to get the water underneath. Soon the timbers began to give way, slates were dislodged and fell in the churchyard, and in two hours the roof collapsed. About 5 o'clock the fire was under control.

The vicar informed a newspaper representative that he was convinced that the outbreak was the work of suffragists or of incendiaries. He said: "On Monday night I noticed two women and a man hanging about outside the church, although there had been no service. I am certain I should recognize them if I ever saw them again, but of course there is absolutely nothing to connect them with the outrage. I can only think that the women are responsible. The church is lit by gas, but we are always very careful, and it is turned off at the main instead of leaving on any by-passes. Besides, no service has been held since Sunday, and I had only left the church about half an hour when I was informed of the outbreak."

Redistribution.

A St. Petersburg message states that the inter-Department Committee for Far Eastern affairs has decided on the redistribution of the administrative divisions of the Amur Coast and Saghalien territories. Part of the Amur Coast territory is to be incorporated in Saghalien, and the seat of the Governor of Saghalien is to be transferred to Nikolaievsk on the mainland, at the mouth of the Amur.

MARKET PRICES.

Hongkong, May 8, 1913.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Butcher Meat	Unit	Price
Beef Sirloin & Prime Out, - Mei Lung Pa	lb.	18
" Corned, - Ham Ngau Yuk	"	18
" Roast, - Shiu	"	18
" Breast, - Nagu Lam	"	12
" Soup, - Tong Yuk	"	15
" Steak, - Ngau Yuk Pa	"	18
" do. - Sirloin, Coton - Ngau Lau	"	28
" Sausages, - Ngau Chaiung	"	20
Bullock's Brains, - Know	per set	9
" Tongue fresh, - Ngau Li	each	45
" Corned, - Ham Ngau Li	"	55
" Head, - Ngau Tan	"	60
" Heart, - Ngau Sum	"	12
" Hump, Salt, - Ngau Kin	"	15
" Feet, - Ngau Kask	"	8
" Kidneys, - Ngau Yi	"	9
" Tail, - Ngau Mei	"	18
" Liver, - Ngau Kon	lb.	12
" Tripe (undressed), - Ngau To	"	8
Calve Head & Feet, - Ngau Chai-tau-kark	set	31
Mutton Chop, - Yeung Pei Kwat	lb.	25
" Leg, - Yeung Pei	"	25
" Shoulder, - Yeung Shau	"	22
Pigs Chitlings, - Chu Chong	"	27
" Brains, - Chu Know	per set	2
" Feet, - Chu Kark	lb.	12
" Fry, - Chu Chak	"	30
" Head, - Chu Tau	"	18
" Heart, - Chu Sum	each	10
" Kidneys, - Chu Yiu	"	8
" Liver, - Chu Con	lb.	24
Pork Chop, - Chu Pai Kwat	"	23
" Corned, - Ham Chu Yuk	"	27
" Leg, - Chu Pa	"	27
" Fat or Lard, - Chu Yau	"	24
Sheep Head and Feet, - Yeung Tau Kark	set	35
" Heart, - Yeung Sum	each	7
" Kidneys, - Yeung Yiu	"	9
" Liver, - Yeung Con	lb.	25
Sucking Pigs, To Order, - Chu Cha	"	22
Suet, Beef, - Sang Ngau Yau	"	18
" Mutton, - Sang Yeung Yau	"	25
" Veal, - Ngau Chai Yuk	"	18
" Sausages, - Ngau Chai Chaiung	"	26

POULTRY.

Poultry	Unit	Price
Chicken, - Kai Chai	lb.	34
Capon, Large, Small, - Sin Kai	"	33
Ducks, - Ap	"	24
Doves, - Pan Kau	each	24
Eggs, Hen, - Kai Tan	per doz	24
Fowls, Canton, - Kai	lb.	36
" Hainan, - Hoi Nam Kai	"	32
Geese, - Ngai	"	24
Geese, Wild, - Shing-ho Yea Ngai	"	24
Musk Deer, - Wong Keng	each	24
Hare, Shanghai, - Tu Chai	"	70
Partridge, - Che Khoo	pair	32
Pheasant, - Shan Kai	"	32
Pigeons, Canton, - Pak Kip	each	18
" Hoihow, - Hoi How Pak Kip	"	23
Quail, - Um Chun	dozen	22
Rice Birds, - Wo Pa Chai	"	22
Snipe, - So Choy	each	20
Turkeys, Cook, - Phor Kai Kung	lb.	60
" Hen, - Ma	"	45
Wild Ducks, - Shai - Shing-hoi Sai Ap	"	24
" Tail, - Sui Ap Chai	"	24
Wild Ducks Canton, - Sang Shing Sai Ap	"	24

FISH.

Fish	Unit	Price
Barbel, - Ka Yu	lb.	15
Bream, - Bin Yu	"	15
Canton Fresh Water Fish, - Hoi Sin Yu	"	20
Carp, - Li Yu	"	20
Catfish, - Chik Yu	"	11
Codfish, - Man Yu	"	14
Crab, - Hai	"	14
Crabs Fish, - Muk Yu	"	16
Dab, - Sa Mang Yu	"	15
Dace, - Wong Mei Lan	"	8
Dog Fish, - Tit Tu Sa	"	15
Eels, Congor, - Hoi Mann	"	15
" Fresh water, - Tam Sin Yu	"	24
Eels, Yellow, - Wong Sin	"	32
Frogs, - Tien Kai	"	32
Gadgou, - Pak Kip Yu	"	55
Herring, - Tao Pak	"	12
Halibut, - Cheung Kwai Kip	"	24
Labrus, - Wong Ka Yu	"	17
Loach, - Wu Yu	"	28
Lobster, - Lung Ha	"	32
Mackerel, - Chi Yu	"	18
Monk Fish, - Mong Yu	"	18
Mullet, - Chai Yu	"	18
Oysters, - Sang Hop	"	24
Parrotfish, - Kai Kung Yu	"	16
Perch, - Tan Loo	"	15
Pike, - Pa Pau Rong	"	9
Plaice, - Fan Yu	"	17
Pomfret, Black, - Hak Chong	"	20
Pomfret, White, - Pak Chong	"	28
Prawn, - Ming Ha	"	48
Ray, - Tai Pa Sa	"	8
Rock Fish, - Sak K. K. K.	"	15
Roach, - Chan Yu	"	24

肉食

Meat	Unit	Price
Salmon, - Ma Yan Y	lb.	24
Shark, - Sa Yu	"	0
Skate, - Po Yu	"	10
Shrimps, - Ha	"	28
Snapper, - Lap Yu	"	22
Soles, - Tat Sa Yu	"	20
Tench, - Wan Yu	"	1
Turbot, - Cho How Yu	"	18
Turtles, small, fresh water, - Kork Yu	"	56
White Bait, - Ngau Yu Chai	"	1

FRUITS.

Fruits	Unit	Price
Almonds, - Hung Yau	lb.	28
Apples (California), - Kam San Ping Kho	"	25
" (Chefoo), - Tin Chun Ping Kho	"	1
" Small, - Hoi Tong	"	1
Custard, - Fan Lai Chi	each	1
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, - San Shing Heung Chiu	lb.	7
" (brides), - Miao, - San Heung Chiu	"	3
Chestnuts, Chinese, - Fong Lut	"	14
Carambola, - Yeung Tse	"	1
Cocconuts, - Yeh Tse	each	10
Lemons, China, - Ning Moong	lb.	8
" America, - Kam San Ning Moon	"	8
Lichees Dried, - Lai Chi, small Stone	"	25
" Fresh	"	15
Limes, (Saigon), - Sai Kung Ning Moong	each	12
Mango, Manila, - Lai Sung Moong	"	20
Mangosteens, - San Chuk Tse	doz	38
Oranges, (Canton), - San-shing Tim Ching	lb.	8
" Sweet	"	1
Pears, (American), - Kam San Shoot Lay	"	12
" (Canton), Cooking, - Sa Lay	"	12
Peanuts, - Fa Sang	"	12
Persimmons Large, - Hung Chie	"	1
Pine-apples, 1st quality, - Poon Ti Paw Law	each	1
" 2nd	"	1
Plantain, - Tai Chan	"	1b
Plums, - Swatow, Hung Lai	"	3
Pumelo, Siam, - Chim Lo Yau	each	25
" Shanghai, - Lo Kwat	"	10
Walnuts, - Hop Tuo	lb.	13
" Green, - Sang Hop Tuo	"	14
Water Melon, - (Am.) Kam San Sai Kwa	each	14
" (China) Sai Kwa	"	14
Grapes, - Sang Po Tai Tse	lb.	30

VEGETABLES, &c.

Vegetables	Unit	Price
Artichokes, Shanghai, - Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb.	8
Beans, (French), Macao, - Oh Moou Pin Tau	"	10
" (French) Shanghai, - Sheung Hai Pin	"	10
" Sprout, - Ah Cho	"	6
" Long, - Tau Ko	"	6
Beet Root, - Hung Chai Tau	each	6
Brinjals, Green, - Ching Yuan	"	6
" Red, - Hung Ker	"	10
Cabbage, Chinese, com., - Kai Choy	"	12
Cabbage Red, - Hung Yea Choy	"	8
Cabbage, Shanghai, - Yeh Chai	"	12
Cane Shoots, bunch, - Kau Shun	lb.	12
Cauliflower, Large size, - Tai Yeh Chai	each	1
" Medium size, - Cheung Yeh Chai	"	1
" Small size, - Sai Yen Chai	"	6
Carrots, - Kam Shun	lb.	6
Celery, Chinese, - Tong Kan Chai	"	6
" English, - Yeung Kan Chai	"	6
Chillies Dried, - Gon Lat Chai	"	25
" Red, - Hung Far Chiu	"	15
" Green, - Ching Lat Chiu	"	10
Curry Stuff, English, - Kar Lee Chai	"	6
Cucumbers, - Ching Kwa	"	12
Bitter Squash, - Fa Kwa	"	8
Garlic, - Que Tau	"	8
Ginger, young, - Sun Tse Kung	"	6
" old, - Lo Kung	"	12
Horse Radish, Shanghai, - Lik Kan	"	6
Indian Corn, - Suk Mai	"	1
Lettuce, - Yeung Sang Chai	each	1
Water Chestnuts, - Ma Tai	lb.	5
" Mandarin, - Kwai Lam Ma Tai	"	5
Mushrooms, Fresh, - Sang Chai Koo	"	12
Mush Melon, Amer., - Kam San Hong Kwa	each	10
Okra, - Kam San	lb.	10
Onions Bombay, - Yeung Chong Tau	"	8
" Green, - Sang Chong	"	6
" Shanghai, - Shing-hoi Chong Tau	"	10
Papaya, 1st qual., - Tai Man San Kwa	each	10
" 2nd	"	8
Parley, - Kun Cho	"	6
Green Peas, - Ching Tau	lb.	8
Potatoes, Sweet, - Fan Shu	"	3
" Shanghai, - Shing-hoi Chai	"	3
" Japan, - Yut Poon Shu Tai	"	3
" American, - Fa Ki Shu Tai	"	3
" Roshow, - Yoo-chow Shu Tai	"	3
Pumpkin, - Tang Kwa	"	4
Radish, - Hung Lo Pak Tai	"	10
Redbair (Fresh), - Tai Wong	"	8
Sage, - Tse So	"	8
Shallots, - Gon Ching Tan	"	4
Spinach, - Yin Chai	"	6
Tomatoes, - Fan Ker	"	6
Taro, - Wu Tau	"	5
Tum, - Punt, (Long), - Lo Pak	"	12
" English, - Yeung Lo Pak	"	12
Vegetable Marrow, - Chit Kwa	"	6
" (American), - Kam San Chit Kwa	"	6
Water Cress, - Sai Yeung Chai	"	12
" Lily root, - Lin Ngau	"	12
" am, - Ts Shu	"	5

The prices necessarily vary from day to day, and the Sanitary Board has no power to compel stallholders to sell at the prices quoted.

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Sanitary Board.

菓子

黑嘉	枝菊	廣乾	呂子	錦	紅
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TARIFF REVISION AND PRICES.

Judging from present indications, there appears every likelihood of President Wilson's Tariff Bill eventually passing into law substantially in the form in which it left the House of Representatives. The measure, as everybody knows, will bring about a marked reduction in the duties practically all round. It follows, therefore, that those sections of the public who have for so long been complaining of the enhanced cost of living will find no inconsiderable relief when the Bill actually becomes the law of the land. While that is so, there is a danger that too much will be expected along these lines in the immediate future; and it is doubtful if the ultimate consumer will experience the sweeping changes in the price of food and clothing which the sharp reduction in duties would seem to hold out. This, at any rate, is the opinion which prevails in the big centres throughout the United States.

The principal foodstuffs coming most directly under the provisions of the Bill are butter, eggs, cheese, poultry and meat; and merchants who supply these commodities on a big scale are, according to recent advices from New York, unanimous in the opinion that high prices will still continue for quite a long time. There can, they say, be no return to the low price of beef, for instance, which prevailed a few years ago, but the inevitable rise in price brought about by the curtailment of the Western ranges should be partly compensated for by the introduction of South American beef. The chief regret expressed is that eggs and dairy products have not been put absolutely on the free list. As it is, the greatest change which may be expected is the probable shifting of the source of food supplies. Butter, the best butter in the world, will be enabled to come into the States from Denmark with a reduction in duty of from six to three cents a pound; and eggs and poultry will most likely be attracted from Canada, although in this respect the effect may not be noticeable for several years, owing to the fact that Canadian farmers will have to adjust themselves gradually to the needs of the new market. According to another authority, the source of the principal supply of sugar will be changed to Cuba, though the view is expressed that no material out in the price, now very low in comparison with the price prevalent fifteen years ago, will follow as a result, the control of the Cuban market being largely in the hands of the so-called Trust. Against these probabilities must be placed the prospect that in the matter of clothing prices, the relief will be much greater. An entire elimination of the duty on wool, from which an annual revenue of 14 million dollars has been obtained, assures to the man who purchases a suit of clothes, after the passage of the Bill, a substantial saving. But here, too, the extent of the reduction must not be measured by the difference in duty alone, for the rapidly increasing cost of labour and the effects of a recent strike will have their effect as well. In addition, it is pointed out that ready-made clothing manufacturers outside of America are not sufficiently numerous or powerful at the moment to offer serious competition.

These are some of the probabilities which are being deduced just now by men who occupy leading positions in the American markets. They are of the deepest interest to those who have followed recent developments in the States, and perhaps have a peculiar significance to those Britishers who at the moment are concerning themselves with the relative merits of Free Trade and Protection. The lowering of the tariffs must, of course, affect prices; but it is evident that in the United States there are other big factors which must be taken into consideration as well.

Royal Oak Day.

Most Britishers in the Colony will have lively memories of Royal Oak Day, May 29, for, up till ten or fifteen years ago, it was one of the schoolboy's most cherished anniversaries. Woo betide the lad who, on the morning of the 29th, neglected to provide himself with a buttonhole of oak leaves, for every other boy was permitted, by sacred custom, to bestow on his one kick for his soul's health and as a wholesome lesson in loyalty to the Royal House of Stuart. Most of us hadn't the faintest idea why we kicked, any more than we knew why "tops started" about Easter time, marblesoon after Christmas or kites in June, or why we demanded—and usually got—a holiday on May Day. It was custom, and boys—God bless them—are rare sticklers for the most solemn observance of custom. Hampshire boys have, or had, an additional 29th of May, superstition which we suspect to be of heathen origin, and in no way connected with the memory of King Charles. At twelve o'clock, every oak leaf disappeared without a second's warning and, in place thereof, every jacket sported a spray of ash; defaulters to be kicked as before.

Importation of Krieses.

We reported last night that the North Borneo Government had given power to District Officers to admit the importation of krieses etc. by natives who "shall come bona fids to settle in the State." Will this include krieses that were made in Birmingham? We hope not, for Borneo is about the only country left wherein the curio-hunter may hope to capture the pukka Malay kris. The Malay Peninsula, the Straits and even the Dutch East Indies have, this many a year, been surfeited with "dud" weapons imported from Europe to cozen the unwary collector, and we should be sorry to see B.N.B. following suit. Already the wily Bruai and Bajau down there have begun to make their own parangs (a weapon which is half sword, half chopper) by begging or stealing odd bits of railway metal and hammering them into blades and this may be the beginning of the end.

Sanitary matters Again.

We grow rather weary of returning to a subject several times but it is necessary to be insistent in Hongkong if even minor reforms are to be effected. Just a month ago—on the 29th of April, to be exact—attention was drawn in the columns of the "Telegraph" to the fact that Sanitary Board coolies were dumping refuse at the side of Wong Nei Chung Road. It was then stated that coolies from private residences in the vicinity, encouraged by this example, also followed this convenient course and that the pile was raked over by other coolies, with European children looking on. It might have been thought that the exposure of a proceeding so filthy and insanitary would have been followed by prompt investigation and improvement; but the opposite has proved the case. Not once, but three or four times since that date we have remarked that no improvement has been effected. Only on Monday last basket coolie No. 12 was seen to dump two baskets of refuse on the roadside. There, not for the first time is presented a specific instance, and it is to be hoped that notice will be taken of it.

A Scheme Not Enforced. While we are on the matter of sanitary troubles we might again revert to the question of the sweeping of Kowloon's main thoroughfares. Just over a week ago, the President of the Board outlined the scheme followed (or said to be followed), explaining that the streets were swept three times a day—from 5 a.m. to 9, from 10 to noon, and from 2 p.m. to 6. He also stated that they were watered from 8 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 5, adding that an extra cart had been put on from about 12.30 to 2.30, or later if necessary. All this reads well enough, but it is evident that the scheme is only a paper-scheme and is not really enforced. On Tuesday coolies could be seen sweeping Nathan Road, under the trees, at 1.45 p.m., and again yesterday at the same hour. And what is much to the point, the road was not watered at all. These are facts, and we invite the attention of the Head of the Sanitary Department to them.

DAY BY DAY.

As for our deserts, the less said of them the better, for somebody might hear and nobody cares to be laughed at.

The Mails.

Siberian Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Scharnhorst at 10 a.m. to-day.

Canadian and Siberian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Empress of India this forenoon.

Australian Mail.—Due per s.s. St. Albans to-morrow.

Back Again.

Mr T. F. Olaxton, Director of the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, returned from Japan by the Empress of India to-day.

Sampan Overturned.

During a squall yesterday, a sampan was overturned and two cases of rubber rings were lost. It is hoped to recover the cases.

Launch Masters Fined.

At the Marine Court, this morning, three launch masters were each fined \$10 for using their sirens for purposes other than those for navigation.

Lawn Bowls.

On Monday evening at six o'clock a meeting of the committee to make draws in connection with the Lawn-Bowls championship of the Colony, will be held.

Cherniavsky Trio.

Messrs. Robinson & Co. advise us that the Cherniavsky Trio are postponing their concert in Hongkong until June 7. They may, if time admits, give a concert at Canton on the 9th.

Hongkong Officers in the North. Captains G. O. Turnbull and G. W. Anderson, of H.B.M. Forces in Hongkong, arrived here this morning from Tientsin, says the "Manchuria Daily News" of May 17.

Youthful Thief.

Twelve strokes of the birch was the punishment meted out to a youth by Mr. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, for stealing piping from the Volunteer Headquarters.

New Light.

We understand, from a reliable source, that the Government has decided to adopt the Aga system of lighting for the Harbour fairways. Messrs. A. Nilsson and Co. are the agents for the Aga lamp.

MANCHESTER TRADE WITH THE EAST.

Messrs. R. Barbour and Brother, Limited, write in their monthly Market Report, May 1:—The month opened with a firm tone and a tendency of values to harden. More business was about, and less expectation of lower rates. A feature was the considerable trade for India in Dhooties and light goods, notwithstanding how distant was the delivery which had to be granted. Buoyancy was distinctly exclusive and by no means general. The easier tendency in the raw material which developed later rather increased the disposition to retard offers wherever possible. Though the undercurrent of requirements maintained a moderately healthy flow, it was only now and again where offers of weight were concerned that it was able to submerge the twin obstacles of price and delivery. India, apart from the transactions in light goods and in a certain number of specialties, was inactive, but with the outlook looking healthy and prospects of a continued large off-take, provided of course that the monsoon again proves favourable. For China some few lines were put through in fancies, but in general the turnover still lacked ample proportions. Sorting-up requirements were in the main the quota of the minor markets. Seeing the extent to which spinners will have to draw on their reserves to meet the estimated consumption of 144 million bales by the world's spindles, the trend of the market seems likely to remain peculiarly sensitive to the tenor of the news regarding crop prospects.

Messrs. R. Haworth and Co. state that sales are well below the normal. Demand from China is still disappointing, but in spite of the many obstacles in the way of arranging prices some lines of well-known standard staples for distant delivery have been brought to book.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BILLS DEALING WITH THE CURRENCY PROBLEM.

TRAMWAY BOYCOTT ECHO: COMPANY TO RECEIVE \$45,000 COMPENSATION.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon, in the Council Chamber.

There were present, H. E. the Governor, Sir Francis Henry Murray, K.C.M.G.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. M. Thomson.

The Hon. Attorney General, Mr. J. A. S. Bucknill, K. C.

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher.

The Hon. Director of Public Works, Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G.

The Hon. Registrar General, Mr. E. B. Hallifax.

The Hon. Sir Kai Ho Kai, Kt., M.B., C.M.G.

The Hon. Wei Yuk, C.M.G.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, C.M.G.

The Hon. Mr. E. Shellim.

The Hon. Mr. Montague Ede.

The Hon. Mr. D. Landale.

Mr. C. Clementi, Clerk to the Councils.

New Member.

The Hon. Mr. David Landale took the oath of allegiance on assuming his seat on the Council.

Reports.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Harbour Master for 1912, the Report on the New Territories for 1912; and the quarterly return of excesses on sub-heads met by savings on heads of expenditure.

Finance.

The following recommendations by H. E. the Governor were referred to the finance Committee, on the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer.

A sum of \$14,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, Roads and Streets, Road giving access to Inland Lots Nos. 1946 and 1947.

A sum of \$6,700 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Buildings, City Slaughter House.—Extension.

A sum of \$2,500 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous, Miscellaneous Works.

A sum of \$6,100 in aid of vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Buildings, Yamatui, Vegetable and Fruit Market.

A sum of \$1,100 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, Up-keep of Plant.

A sum of \$30,000 in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Compensation to the Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.

Compensation for Tramway Co.

In referring to the last financial minute, His Excellency said:—I would like to explain that this vote is to provide compensation to the Hongkong Electric Tramway Company for loss incurred in the recent boycott of its cars in consequence of the company's decision to accept nothing but the legal tender of the Colony in payment of fares. This boycott was in effect a conspiracy to defeat the law of the Colony and for that reason the Government undertook to come to the assistance of the Company. The Government has recommended a sum of \$45,000 in round figures as compensation and this is an instalment on account pending the final decision of the Secretary of State in the matter.

Tramway Extension.

The Hon. Attorney General proposed the following resolution:—Whereas by the provisions of Section 7 of the Tramway Ordinance 1902, as amended by the provisions of the Tramway Amendment Ordinance, 1912, it is inter alia provided that subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council after timely and adequate notification by public advertisement or otherwise of the intention of the Company to apply for such approval and after such approval has been confirmed by a resolution of the Legislative Council, the Company may construct and maintain, subject to provisions of the Principal Ordinance and in accordance

with plans to be previously deposited in the office of the Director of Public Works, all such lines, crossings, passing places, sidings, junctions, turntable and other works in addition to or as extension of those particularly specified in and authorized by the Principal Ordinance as may be approved of by the Governor-in-Council, and may work and use the same and Whereas timely and adequate notification by public advertisement or otherwise of the intention of the Company to apply for an extension of Section 5 of their Tramway by a single line commencing at the existing termination of the said Section No. 5 and terminating in Wong-Nei-Chong Road about opposite the North Western corner of Inland Lot No. 1927 has been made and Whereas the Company has duly applied for the approval of the Governor-in-Council to the proposed extension as aforesaid and Whereas as the Governor-in-Council has on the 8th of May, 1913, approved of the said extension:

Now it is hereby resolved that the approval of the Governor-in-Council so given as aforesaid shall be and is hereby confirmed.

In moving the resolution, the Attorney General said he did not think he needed to add anything, because the terms of the resolution itself contained everything that could be said about the matter, and if he were to say anything further it would be merely to recapitulate the actual phraseology of the resolution.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded, and the resolution was approved.

Deportation Ordinance.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a bill entitled "An ordinance to amend the Deportation Ordinance, 1912."

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a first time.

In a footnote to the bill it is stated that:—The object of this Bill is to simplify somewhat the procedure which exists under the present law in connection with the banishment of persons from the Colony. In the first place the Bill provides that the Governor-in-Council may summarily deport persons who have been convicted of any crime in the Colony and who are not natural born or naturalized subjects of His Majesty. This power no doubt existed under the Deportation Ordinance, 1912, but was not very clearly expressed in that Ordinance. Secondly the Bill provides that a summary deportation order may be issued by the Governor-in-Council against any British subject not belonging to Hongkong who is imprisoned in the Colony in pursuance of any sentence passed by His Majesty's Supreme Court in China.

This power already existed under section 5 sub-section 3 of the Deportation Ordinance, 1912.

The Bill next re-arranges the provisions of section 3 of the Deportation Ordinance, 1912, which dealt with the procedure which has to be gone through in connection with the banishment of persons whom for any reason it may be desirable to banish but who do not fall within the classes mentioned above or within the classes of those capable of being banished during the continuance of any Proclamation under the Peace Preservation Ordinance, 1886, or of deportees from the Straits Settlements or Federated Malay States.

Under this Bill the old procedure is somewhat modified although the principles on which the enquiries to be made as to the desirability of banishing any individual are not materially altered nor are the safeguards of the individual in any way materially diminished.

The principal points of re-arrangement are, that the person into whose conduct enquiry is being made is placed normally in the custody of the Police, whilst the actual enquiry conducted by

the Registrar General or his officers is rendered capable of being somewhat shortened in the event of the person under conviction being unable to give any answer to the charge preferred against him.

The Bill fourthly provides a slight modification of the circumstances under which during the continuance of any Proclamation issued under the provisions of the Peace Preservation Ordinance, 1886, it may be possible to effect the deportation of undesirable persons; the chief alterations being that whereas in the old Ordinance the grounds for such deportation were confined to the necessity for the public safety, the reasons in the present Bill include also the condition that it may be either desirable for the public safety or in the interests of the peace or good order of the Colony; some definition is also made as to the channel of communication in this connection between the Governor-in-Council and the complainants.

Sections 3 and 7 of the Bill remove certain doubts which have been expressed as to the power to fix life periods of deportation.

Section 4 introduces a modification which is mainly necessitated by the alteration of the procedure in clause 2 of the Bill. Section 5 of the Bill enlarges the number of the Officers by whom may be duly signed or certified the formal orders of deportation, the necessity for this enlargement having been found to arise not infrequently in practice.

Section 6 of the Bill makes the requisite alterations in the Form of Warrant and Examination necessitated by the re-arrangement of procedure dealt with in section 3 of the Bill.

In moving the first reading the Hon. Attorney General said the objects and reasons which were attached to the Bill gave a complete resume of its contents.

Supplementary Sum Appropriated. The Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of a bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Thirty thousand six hundred and nine Dollars and fifty-seven Cents, to defray the Charges of the Year 1912."

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the motion was carried.

The sum so to be appropriated was to be expended as follows:—

Miscellaneous Services, \$12,054.04; Public Works, Recurrent, \$18,536.44 and Charitable Services, \$19.09.

The Currency Question.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, the following Bill was read a first time:—"An ordinance to prohibit the circulation of Foreign Notes."

The objects and reasons given at the foot of the bill state:—Ordinance No. 2 of 1866 with amending ordinance regulates and controls, inter alia, the issue of notes by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ordinance No. 65 of 1911 that of the Mercantile Bank of India while the issue by the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China is regulated by its Charter.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1895 prohibits any unauthorized issue by other Banks doing business in the Colony but there is no law at present to restrain the circulation of notes issued by parties having their headquarters at places adjacent to Hongkong.

It is obviously desirable to protect the public against a note issue in respect of which Government holds no security and over which it possesses no control.

In moving the first reading of this Bill, the Colonial Secretary said that in this connection he would like to point out to members, that the issue of the three banks alluded to was restricted by very stringent conditions contained in the ordinance. Members were also aware of the existence of Ordinance 2 of 1896 which prohibited the issue of notes other than those authorised, but up to now no steps had been taken with regard to foreign notes, which he pointed out, compelled unfairly with local notes in that they were not subject to stamp duty. He pointed out also that this Bill would not interfere in any way with legitimate exchange business.

Sir Kai Ho Kai asked that the second reading of the Bill should not be taken for a fortnight.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

INTERPORT SHOOTING.

PENANG SCORES 741 AND TAKES BOTTOM PLACE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Penang, May 28th.

The Penang team shot off for the Interport Rifle Competition to-day, making a total of 741.

[All the Ports engaged in the competition have now fired, and Shanghai heads the list with a score of 952; Singapore is second with an aggregate of 931, and Hongkong takes third place with 893. Penang is last.]

TROUBLE IN SHANGHAI.

CHINESE ARSENAL ATTACKED; CONFLICTING STORIES.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, May 29.

One hundred and fifty men attacked the Arsenal here this morning before daylight, but the troops repulsed them, killing two and wounding four.

The reports of the affair are most conflicting, but foreigners heard rifle-firing at the time of the alleged attack.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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His Excellency replied that there was no objection to that.

Foreign Coins.

An Ordinance to prohibit the importation and circulation of certain Foreign Coins, was read a first time on the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer.

The objects and reasons of the bill state:—The Order-in-Council published in the Gazette of the 30th March, 1895, regulates the currency of the Colony while Ordinance No. 11 of 1912 prohibits the importation and circulation of foreign copper coins.

There is however no law in force on the subject of the importation and circulation of foreign silver and nickel coins.

This Bill, drafted on the lines of Ordinance No. 11 of 1912 above referred to, remedies this defect which is highly desirable to remove in order that proper measures may be taken for the rehabilitation of the subsidiary currency of the Colony; a matter in regard to which the exclusion of foreign coin is the first essential.

The confusion presently existing on account of the impossibility of regulating the total amount of small coin in circulation and so maintaining their token value and on account of the uncertainty in regard to tender will disappear on the Bill becoming law.

The Bill is understood to have the unanimous approval of the Mercantile Community.

In introducing the Bill, the Hon. Colonial Secretary said it was important that it pass through its stages at an early date. Members were no doubt aware of the circumstances which led to the introduction of this Bill, but he might briefly recount them. Up to the year 1895 there was a considerable demand in the Colony for subsidiary coins notwithstanding the existence of the Canton Mint since 1891. In the year 1895, however, the demand fell and ever since, the coin had been at a discount. The Government policy in regard to rehabilitation had been confined to sending to England, to sell as bullion, the stocks accumulated from revenue. That policy was temporarily suspended in 1911 and the stock was sold in open market, but this was abandoned on instructions from the Secretary of State. In all a nominal sum of seven millions had been redeemed as above, leaving a balance of about thirty-six million at large, a large part of which, no doubt, had dropped out of circulation for various reasons.

The speaker also made reference to the ordinance introduced last year for the prohibition of copper coin, other than Hongkong coin, and said that ordinance had proved entirely successful. He also alluded to the decision of the Hongkong Tramway Co. only to accept Hongkong coin and said it was suggested that that was the proper time to prohibit foreign coin altogether. The Secretary of State had been addressed on the subject and the

result was the bill before the Council. The date for its coming into operation had been put in the draft as January 1, 1914. That was a matter which could be discussed in committee and the Government were quite prepared to alter the date if sufficient reason were given. He also drew attention to the fact that the bill would not effect legitimate exchange operations.

Rope Company's Tramway Ordinance.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of an Ordinance to revive the Rope Company's Tramway Ordinance, 1901. The Colonial Secretary seconded and the motion was carried.

The object of this Bill is to continue in force the rights, powers and privileges granted by the Rope Company's Tramway Ordinance, 1901, to the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited, which has been allowed to lapse.

In moving the first reading, the Attorney General said that certain rights and privileges which were granted under the ordinance had accidentally been allowed to lapse and it was necessary to pass the Bill in order that they might be revived.

Council then adjourned until this day fortnight.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At the conclusion of the Council a meeting of the Finance Committee was held, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

Dealing with the minute relating to the making of roads to the two inland lots at the Happy Valley, which was among those referred from the Council, the Chairman said that the lots had been sold and it was necessary to construct the roads in order to give access to the lots.

The Hon. Mr. Hewitt:—It is a large sum to pay for the opening up of two lots.

The Hon. Mr. Chatham said that the amount realised for the two lots was about \$27,000 and besides the Crown rent, the lots were under a heavy building covenant.

The Hon. Mr. Hewitt:—We are having the Happy Valley spoiled by the rapacity of the Government in selling these sites.

The Hon. Mr. Chatham remarked that the presence of a few houses would add to the beauty of the scenery.

The Hon. Mr. Hewitt responded that it was once said that the beauty of the centre of the town would be enhanced by the Law Courts.

It was decided to pass the recommendation.

ASSAULTED A WOMAN.

A boy employed by a European at Kowloon Dock, was charged by Inspector Gerrard, before Mr. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning with assaulting a woman at Yau-mai. It was stated that the defendant engaged the woman to sing for him and then refused to pay her. After the woman waited for two and a half hours the defendant assaulted her. A fine of \$3 was imposed and \$1 compensation awarded the woman.

"THE THIEF."

The Dallas Comedy Company. Play of Unusual Power.

The Dallas Comedy Company opened last night at the Victoria with Cosmo Gordon Lennox' adaptation of Bernstein's "The Thief." The Company has not appeared at the Victoria before, and was evidently not fully aware of the disabilities it might be under from the roar and rattle of the cars outside. The voice does not travel well in the Victoria at the best of times, and last night, a good half of what was said on the stage was missed by quite the greater number of persons in the theatre.

As a study of a man and a woman, the play is (we use the expression with no hesitation) a work of genius. From a "plot" point of view it is so slight as to be almost transparent, but only an author gifted with unusual power and psychological knowledge and insight could have painted a woman so wholly, so pitifully true to life as Marise Chelford. Nor is the picture of Richard Chelford—the devotedly loving husband, torn to shreds between his proud honesty, his jealousy and his ineradicable love, one whit less lifelike.

The Chelfords are the guests of the Leyton family, and the son of the house, Harry (Mr. Robert Ashby) has fallen in love with Mrs. Chelford, who sees in him merely an infatuated, lovable boy, and laughs gently at his passion. As the Chelfords are about to retire for the night, Raymond Leyton (Mr. Edward Bonfield) and his wife, (Mrs. Dallas) enter and proceed to relate the discovery of the theft of a considerable sum of money from Leyton's room. On account of former losses a detective (Mr. Geoffrey Guise) is visiting the house as a supposed guest, and, on being called into the room, frankly accuses young Harry Leyton of the crime. To the horror of his father and step-mother, the lad admits that he has stolen the money, and the first act closes with a pitiable picture of the father's distress and of his friend's truly British inability to express half the sympathy that is in his heart.

In the second act, which takes place in the Chelfords' bedroom after the family has retired, Marise finds herself forced to confess to her husband that—as has already been suspected by the audience from her demeanour—she, and not Harry, took the money. How the story ends, it is unfair to tell, since the play will be again staged to-night. It is sufficient to say that, for strength and humaneness and utter reality, Act 2 has not many rivals among the productions of modern dramatists.

Throughout the whole of a long and most exacting part, Miss May Hallatt's acting was superb; flawless, in fact; not a word or a gesture of hers failed to convince. All the way along, she is just a woman. In her playfully pitying reception of the love-sick boy's protestations, in her charming coquetry with her husband, in her instant readiness to see, when the news of the robbery is proclaimed, how she can turn the lad's devotion to useful account by persuading him take the blame, she is the eternal woman—all the more so in that she obviously does not realise a tithe of the enormity of her double offence. Love for her husband has made her sin. The ghost that had always haunted her was the dread of losing his affection through losing her good looks. Other women of more fashionable appearance might draw him away from her; therefore she stole, in order to purchase finery that his moderate income could not supply, so that she might remain attractive in his eyes. During the second and third

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PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

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The Charge of Admission will be \$1-00 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club or Gymkhana Club.
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Hongkong, 28th May, 1913. (396)

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 4th of June, will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, or damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th of June, at 9.30 a.m.
All claims must reach us before the 11th of June, 1913, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
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Hongkong, 28th May, 1913. (398)

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COMMERCIAL.

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Home Tea Market.

Messrs. W. J. and Hy. Thompson's Weekly Circular for May 2 advises:—The strong and active tone noted in our last has been fully maintained, the sales having passed with spirited competition and withdrawals have been few. China.—Arrival: Hitachi Maru with 100 pkgs. Importers have apparently been anxious to take advantage of the slight indications of more trade, and about 6,000 pkgs. were catalogued for public sale on 30th ult. compared with 1,249 pkgs. for the corresponding sale last year. Demand was indifferent and the bulk of the offerings was withdrawn. Privately.—Some inquiry has been noticeable, the exceptional value now offering having continued to induce a little trade with both shippers and blenders, but it is of a spontaneous nature, and no definite turn towards improved conditions for sellers is yet visible. Java: Offerings during the week 4,867 pkgs., against 3,399 pkgs. last year. Total from Jan. 1 to date 86,504 pkgs., against 72,432 pkgs. last year. The sales have passed with a good demand at fully previous quotations; occasional advances were recorded, more particularly in whole-leaf grades. Lowest qualities were, however, quiet and several parcels were withdrawn. Among the highest averages were:—Tjiaslak, 1031; Tjomas, 914; Tjiaslak, 914; Tjibogel and Taloon, 844; Sadeb, 811. The average for the whole sale on Garden Account is 7d. per lb., against 8d. per lb. a year ago.

Home Commercial and Produce Markets.

May 2.—The Bank rate remains unchanged at 4½ per cent. The Open market rate for short loans is 3½ per cent., and discount of four months' Bank bills 3 15-16 to 4 per cent. The tone of the Silver market has been good, and bars are now quoted at 27 11-16d. per oz. Rubber shares have displayed a dull and hesitating appearance, in sympathy with the weakness caused in most markets by the disquieting news in the Balkans. The 5 per cent. Japanese loan for £8,000,000, issued in Paris last week, is said to have been greatly oversubscribed. The following dividends are announced:—P. and O. Company, 5 per cent. on preferred stock, interim dividend of 7 per cent. on deferred stock; Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, quarterly dividend of 2s. 6d., with a bonus of 4s. per share; and Eastern Telegraph, final dividend of £1 5s. and a bonus of £2 per cent. The meetings have been held of the Alor Pong Rubber Estate and the Golecond Malay Rubber Company. In China Tea a fairly good business has transpired price being steady. Coffee sold slowly at prices showing a slight decline. Sugar, after being firm and dearer, shows quiet and rather lower. Both Singapore Pepper and White Pepper have been quiet, but firm. Business in Rice is checked by the high range of prices prevailing. Manila Hemp is steady, but quiet. Plantation Rubber has been quiet, prices showing little change, good average sheet being quoted at about 3s. 2½d. Fine Hard Para is 3s. 5½d. per lb. Straits Tin is £231 to £231 10s. for cash, and £220 10s. to £221 for three months.

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING!

An inquest was held recently on Walter Langridge, 16, a pill packer, employed by a firm of manufacturing chemists in Bermondsey. It was stated that the boy was seen to take 40 or 50 pills and to swallow them a few at a time. When told that the pills would harm him, Langridge replied, "I bet a penny they won't hurt me." The employees had been warned not to take any of the drugs they handled. The pills contained aloes, podophyllin, honbane, hyoscyamus, and jalap. A verdict of "Death by misadventure" was returned.

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Public Companies

NOTICE.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-eighth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong on Saturday, the 31st day of May, 1913 at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1912.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Wednesday the 28th May to Monday the 2nd June, 1913, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS
& SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th May, 1913. [389]

Notice

CHINESE POSTAL
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NOTIFICATION.
FRAUDULENT SUR-
CHARGED STAMPS.

THIS is to notify the public that any stamps of this Administration bearing a surcharge differing from those enumerated in the Annual Report on the working of the Post Office for the 3rd year of Huan Tung (1911) are false, and are not recognised by this Administration.

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Hongkong, 31st Mar., 1913. [18]

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Hongkong, 11th April, 1912. [22]

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Stocks & Paid up Value. Closing Quotations.

Hongkong & Shanghai £125 \$812 1/8

Canton £50 300 sa

North China £25 T132 1/2 b.

Unions \$100 \$792 1/2 sa.

THE THIEF.

(Continued from Page 7).

...sola, there is hardly a conceivable feminine emotion or characteristic which Miss Hallatt does not display to the life: coquettishness, pity, joy, fear, cajolery, bullying, fury, despair, passionate pleading and pathetically futile argument; not a single weapon whereby she can make her own case good, and keep her husband's love, is neglected; and the result is one of the most heart-stirring pictures imaginable.

Mr Dallas has, in like manner, conceived the difficult part that fell to him; as Miss Hallatt is the true woman, so he is very man—the man in love, half crushed, half maddened, at a situation which he can but ill grasp; and with his sorrow intensified by his ungrounded suspicions of his wife's loyalty. We congratulate Mr Dallas on a really fine piece of artistry.

The subsidiary parts were remarkably well played. Mr Robert Ashby contrived to do a deal of good and artistic work by suggestion, and Mr Edward Bonfield took full advantage of a couple of very moving scenes. If the management of the Victoria Theatre will keep the windows closed to-night, and so shut out the street noises, those who go to see the play are in for an unusual treat.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Arrangement for Overcoming the noise.

Touching the noise made by passing trams at the Victoria Theatre last night and the consequent inability of part of the audience to hear all that was spoken from the stage, it is worth mentioning that arrangements have to-day been made with the Tramway Company for overcoming this difficulty. While the company is performing trams will slow down in passing the Theatre, and intending visitors to the Theatre can now rely on hearing the plays throughout without interruption or inconvenience.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

Josephs Again Before the Magistrate.

Before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this afternoon the American named O. E. Josephs, who stands charged with the misappropriation of \$1,000, the monies of Messrs Michael and Company, Cebu, again appeared.

Mr. Lewis, of Messrs Johnson Stokes and Master, prosecuted; and Mr. Grist, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, defended.

Mr. Lewis said the defendant was charged under section 62, amended, of the Larceny Ordinance with converting to his own use the sum of \$1,000. He wished to add two other charges, one of converting to his own use the sum of \$300 on about April 30, 1912, and the other with converting to his own use the sum of \$1,736.5 between October 25, 1912 and May this year. He also wished to charge him in the alternative under section 56 of the Larceny Ordinance.

Defendant:—Not guilty.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

DECLINED TO GO.

Street Beggars Who Will Not Leave the Colony.

Lance-Sergeant Wilson again brought a street beggar before Mr Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning.

Inspector Fenton said the Hongkong Government had paid defendant's passage to his native village three times in the last fortnight.

Defendant acknowledged the statement made by the Inspector, and a fine of \$5 or in default seven days was imposed.

Another beggar, who had been sent away five times, said he could not be banished because he was born in the Colony. A fine of \$5 or in default seven days, was imposed.

THE HIPPODROME CIRCUS.

The Hippodrome Circus and Menagerie is to open at Causeway Bay on Monday evening, June 2. From all accounts which have preceded the coming of the circus, excellent performances are in store. The artists are numerous and are all stars of the first water. Much is expected, of course, from C. Urban the great animal trainer. The animals perform in an enclosure, the latest invention from Europe, which will be erected round the arena for the safety of the public. Alfonso, the champion cyclist, appears in his great sensational act, looping the loop without a loop. The gigantic show, says a contemporary, "leaves nothing to be desired: Splendid riders, clever and smart acrobats, aerial artists and clowns of the first order. The latter kept the audience in roars of laughter from the very beginning to the end. Altogether Col. Bob Love, the touring manager whom every one knows, may be proud of the combination to which he is attached.

Arrest of Armed Cyclists.

Two young men, giving the names of Smith and Barrett, and stated to be the sons of Army officers, were arrested at Reading on a charge of having stolen a motor-cycle and side-car from the Randolph Hotel, Oxford. When arrested each of the suspects had a fully-loaded six-chambered revolver upon him, and in their possession were also found valuables worth about £100, a quantity of live cartridges, some black masks, an electric torch, and a Maltese dagger. The young men were brought before the magistrates at Oxford, and remanded on bail. For the defence it was contended that the offence was nothing more than a boyish freak.

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Tuesday, the 3rd June being a General Holiday, the Post Office will be open from 7 till noon.

There will be a delivery of ordinary correspondence and a collection from the Pillar Boxes as on Sunday.

The Registration Office will be closed at 11 a.m., for all outgoing mails.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Canadian & Siberian, s.s. Empress of India.

MAILS CLOSE.

Holhow, Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Kaifong, 30th May, 8 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 30th May, 10 a.m.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya—Per Tijmanook, 30th May, 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per G. Apoor, 30th May, noon.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 30th May, 1.15 p.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Thongwa, 30th May, 2 p.m.

Japan via Kobe Victoria, Vancouver, Tacoma and Seattle—Per Ajax, 30th May, 3 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Per Sunda, 31st May, 9 a.m.

Tsingtau, Weihaiwei & Tientsin—Per Kusichow, 31st May, 11 a.m.

Batavia, Samarang & Sourabaya—Per Tijmah, 31st May, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuen-sang, 31st May, 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 31st May, 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Hangsang, 31st May, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Chenan, 31st May, 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 1st June, 9 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per Azumasanmaru, 1st June, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Tamsui—Per Daigimaru, 1st June, 9 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon and India via Taichu—Per Bombay, 1st June, 4 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiching, 3rd June, 10 a.m.

Tientsin—Per Cheongshing, 3rd June, 10 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marsellies (Late Letters 11 to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents). (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per Magellan, 3rd June, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States and South America via San Francisco—Per Nile, 3rd June, 11 a.m.

Philippine Island—Per Tean, 3rd June, noon.

Formosa via Keelung, Shanghai North China, Japan via Moji, Victoria and Seattle (Europe via Siberia)—Per Tambamaru, 3rd June, noon.

Straits and Ceylon—Per Kamomaru, 3rd June, noon.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 4th June, 10 a.m.

Japan via Moji, Honolulu, Manzanillo, Salina Cruz, Arica, Iquique, Valparaiso and Coronel—Per Hongkongmaru, 4th June, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand via Thursday Island—Per Nikko-maru, 4th June, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haimun, 6th June, 10 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Zafiro, 6th June, 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Thursday Island—Per Aldenham, 7th June, 10 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Azumasanmaru, Jap. s.s., 2,785, Kikuchi, 28th May, Moji 23rd May, Coal—M. B. K.

Simferopol, Rus. s.s., 2,695, Gunther, 28th May—Singapore 2nd May, Gen.—Luchmanoff.

Kwangtsh, Chi. s.s., 1,536, O. Stewart, 28th May—Shanghai 25th May, Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Pakhoi, Br. s.s., 1,237, Gibbs, 28th May—Chingwan 2nd May, Coal—B. & S.

Cheongshing, Br. s.s., 1,939, Liddell, 28th May—Weihaiwei 24th May, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Africa, Aust. s.s., 2,565, Huber, 29th May—Trieste, 30th April, Gen.—S. W. & Co.

Empress of India, Br. s.s., 3,032, A. Hailey, 28th May—Vancouver 7th May, Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

May 28. Kwangtsh, for Canton. Kueichow, for Canton. Chenan, for Canton. Hongkong, for Haiphong. Gisela, for Yokohama.

May 29. Pheumpenh, for Saigon. Scharnhorst, for Yokohama. Anna, for Bangkok. Africa, for Shanghai. Anhui, for Shanghai. Kwanglee, for Shanghai. Kaifong, for Hongay. Ajax, for Tacoma. Cheongshing, for Canton. Yatshing, for Calcutta. Singan, for Hongay. Simferopol, for Vladivostok.

DEPARTED.

May 29. Yunnan, for Bangkok. Scharnhorst, for Shanghai. Kueichow, for Canton. Chenan, for Canton. Gisela, for Yokohama. Yatshing, for Straits. Anna, for Bangkok. Anhui, for Shanghai. Chinkiang, for Kobe. Hongkong, for Haiphong. Johanne, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Simferopol, arrived 28th inst., from Singapore:—Alexandrov, Wodlasky, Genet, Mr. and Mrs.

Per s.s. Kwangtsh, arrived 28th inst., from Shanghai:—Bottger, K.

Per s.s. Africa, arrived 29th inst., from Trieste:—Becker, Northdorf, Droge.

Per s.s. Empress of India, arrived 29th inst., from Vancouver, &c:—Chong Bing-see, Ganda Sing, Chin Low-see, Isnard, J., Chin Hing, May Tin, Chui Yik, Page, E., Claxton, T. F., Seng Ho, Dickson, R., Sam Lee, Eason, B. J., Tom Wong, Greilsammer, Mr. Wong Chuck & Mrs.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per s.s. Prinz Ludwig, sailed 28th inst., for Europe, &c:—Asger, A. G., McIntyre, P. H., Abrahamson, M., Moller, R. M., Ross, Dr. & Mrs.

Behrends, H., Pedont, K., Bolumshe, Ressler, S., Ford, H., Stortner, W., Ferd, J., Seidler, R., Godmann, Miss, To, C. W., Horstmann, Mrs., Teeger, W., King, T. S., Temm, E., Knoson, J. B., Wendland, Kee Tech Kow, Withington Mr. Marso, P. J., Mrs.

Li Yau Shan, Wong Se Wal, Li Fung Tsing, Mr and Mrs. Yeung, M. L.

TIDE TABLE.

26th May to 1st June, 1913.

	High Water	Low Water	Mean Time
Mon. 27	No inferior	High 10.55, Low 4.55	10.55
Tues. 28	No inferior	High 11.55, Low 5.55	11.55
Wed. 29	No inferior	High 12.55, Low 6.55	12.55
Thurs. 30	No inferior	High 1.55, Low 7.55	1.55
Fri. 31	No inferior	High 2.55, Low 8.55	2.55
Satur. 1	No inferior	High 3.55, Low 9.55	3.55
Sund. 2	No inferior	High 4.55, Low 10.55	4.55

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 29th at 11.45.—The barometer has fallen considerably in the neighbourhood of Shanghai and moderately to slightly over the remainder of the China coast. It has risen moderately in Japan.

The anticyclone, has moved eastwards and is situated to the south of Japan this morning. Depressions cover the Lower Yangtze Valley and Indo-China.

Light to moderate S. and S.W. winds will prevail over the northern portion of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.58 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast. S. and S.W. winds, light to moderate; fair to showery.

Neighbourhood. S.W. winds, fresh.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Force.	Weather.
Westock	7 a.m.	29.72	41	100	se	1	b
Nemuro	6 a.m.	29.83	—	—	—	0	—
Hakodate	"	29.91	—	—	—	0	—
Tokio	"	30.01	—	—	—	0	—
Kochi	"	29.93	—	—	—	0	—
Nagasaki	"	29.95	—	—	—	0	—
K'shima	"	29.90	—	—	—	0	—
Oshima	"	29.89	—	—	—	0	—
Naha	"	29.85	—	—	—	0	—
Ishijima	"	29.82	—	—	—	0	—
Bonin Is.	"	29.93	—	—	—	0	—
Chefoo	"	29.79	60	65	ssw	2	cb
W'haiwei	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha	"	29.61	63	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	"	29.63	65	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	"	29.73	86	—	—	—	—
Sharp P.	"	29.81	77	100	ssw	1	o
Amoy	"	29.80	78	91	ssw	1	o
Swatow	"	29.79	—	—	—	—	—
Taihou	"	29.83	—	—	—	—	—
Taichu	"	29.83	—	—	—	—	—
Tainan	"	29.80	—	—	—	—	—
Koshun	"	29.68	—	—	—	—	—
P'oores	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	"	29.77	78	91	—	0	o
H'kong	"	29.75	78	—	—	—	—
Macao	"	29.75	78	—	—	—	—
Wuchow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Holhow	"	29.76	79	—	—	—	—
Phuilen	"	29.73	79	—	—	—	—
Tourane	"	29.82	73	—	—	—	—
O. St. J.	"	29.82	73	—	—	—	—
Aparri	"	29.82	79	—	—	—	—
Manila	"	29.82	72	—	—	—	—
Legaspi	"	29.88	82	—	—	—	—
Iloilo	"	29.87	84	—	—	—	—
Bacolod	"	29.88	85	—	—	—	—
Cebu	"	29.84	84	—	—	—	—
Labuan	"	—	—	—	—	—	—

T. F. Claxton, Director.

Hongkong, Observatory, May, 29. 1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6 State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q equally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet, 0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day On	Date On	Date
Barometer	29.88	29.83	29.80
Temperature	85	78	85
Humidity	67	91	71
Wind	8	E	S
Direction	1	1	1
Force	0	0	0
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0	0	0

Highest open air Temperature on the 27th.

H.K. Observatory, 28th May, 1913.

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ST. ALBANS	30th May.	21st June,
GARTEN	27th. June.	